(b) whether any decision has been taken;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) what will be its implication on Indian exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Government of Russian Federation have proposed an international Agreement on transit along the "North- South' Corridor to facilitate transportation via Iran and the Caspian Sea to the Russian Federation. The draft agreement in this connection was discussed in a meeting held in Moscow on 4-5 July, 2000 where representatives of the Russian Federation, Iran, Oman and India were present. Further discussions between the concerned countries will be necessary before a final decision can be taken.

(d) The proposed agreement is likely to boost Indian exports to Russia by reducing the transportation cost and time.

Industrial Package for J and K

796. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for industrial package for J and K;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for the release of the package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) A proposal from Government of J and K has been received in this Ministry requesting for a package similar to the North East Industrial Policy for the State of J and K.

(c) The proposal of the State Government will be kept in view as and when any package specifically for the State is prepared.

Investment Made by NRIs in Gujarat

797. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made in Gujarat by NRIs during 1998, 1999 and 2000 till date;

(b) the incentives given for investment during the above period; and

(c) the concessions given to attract more and more investments?